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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
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		Search Report from Austrian Patent Office in corresponding Singapore Patent Application No. 200104627-5.	

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